

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (Previously presented) A circumferential clamp for fastening and connecting junction tubes on a heat exchanger in a motor vehicle,

wherein at least one end region of the clamp is bent away from the tubes back toward the body of the clamp and

wherein the at least one end region of the clamp is bent back in such a way that it forms approximately the shape of a rounded triangle.

2. (Previously presented) The clamp as claimed in claim 1, wherein the bent-back end region of the clamp has at least one sharp edge.

3. (Previously presented) The clamp as claimed in claim 1, wherein, in the assembled state, the bent-back end region is in bearing contact against at least one flange or bead of a tube.

4. (Previously presented) The clamp as claimed in claim 3, wherein the bent-back end region has a sharp edge in the region of bearing contacts.

5. (Cancelled)

6. (Cancelled).

7. (Currently Amended) The clamp as claimed in claim 1, wherein [[the]] two end regions of the clamp are bent back in such a way that they form approximately the shape of a rounded triangle.

8. (Previously presented) The clamp as claimed in claim 7, wherein the triangles have no angle above 90°.
9. (Previously presented) The clamp as claimed in claim 7, wherein the triangles are approximately equilateral.
10. (Previously presented) The clamp as claimed in claim 1, wherein a slot, which runs in the longitudinal direction of the clamp (1), is provided in the region of at least one end region of the clamp.
11. (Previously presented) The clamp as claimed in claims 7, wherein a slot, which runs in the longitudinal direction of the clamp (1), is provided in the region of at least one end region of the clamp and wherein the slot runs over two sides of the corresponding triangle.
12. (Previously presented) The clamp as claimed in claim 1, wherein the clamp is designed essentially symmetrically with respect to a transverse axis.
13. (Currently Amended) A tube and clamp assembly comprising:
  - a first tube;
  - a second tube; and
  - a circumferential clamp for fastening and connecting the first tube to the second tube, wherein at least one end region of the clamp is bent away from the tubes back toward the body of the clamp and wherein the at least one end region of the clamp is bent back in such a way that it forms approximately the shape of a rounded triangle.
14. (Previously presented) A heat exchange system comprising a tube and clamp assembly according to claim 13.
15. (Previously presented) A motor vehicle comprising a heat exchange system according to claim 14.

16. (New) The tube and clamp assembly as claimed in claim 15, wherein the rounded triangle is formed by:

- a first bend in the end portion,
- a first portion of the end portion which extends from the clamp to the first bend,
- a second bend in the end portion,
- a second portion of the end portion which extends between the first bend and the second bend, and
- an outermost portion of the end portion which extends from the second bend to the end of the end portion.

17. (New) The clamp as claimed in claim 1, wherein the rounded triangle is formed by:

- a first bend in the end portion,
- a first portion of the end portion which extends from the clamp to the first bend,
- a second bend in the end portion,
- a second portion of the end portion which extends between the first bend and the second bend, and
- an outermost portion of the end portion which extends from the second bend to the end of the end portion.

18. (New) A circumferential clamp for fastening and connecting junction tubes on a heat exchanger in a motor vehicle,

wherein at least one end region of the clamp comprises a first bend point at which the end region is bent away from the tubes back toward the body of the clamp and a second bend point at which the end region bent further away from the tubes and further back toward the body of the clamp.